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| 1. | With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. | | | | | | |
| | This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of: international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)) publication of the international application (Rule 12.4) | | | | | | |
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| 2. | With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report): The international application as originally filed/furnished | | | | | | |
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| Box | Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement | | | | | | |
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| 1. | Statement | | | | | | |
| | Novelty (N) | Claims | 1, | 6, | 7 | | YES |
| | | Claims | | | | | NO |
| | Inventive step (IS |) Claims | 1, | 6, | 7 | | YES |
| | | Claims | | | | | NO |
| • | Industrial applical | bility (IA) Claims | 1, | 6, | 7 | | YES |
| | | Claims | | | | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 11-334573 A (Aisin Seiki Co., Ltd.), 07

December 1999

The invention that is set forth in claims 1, 6 and 7 is not disclosed in any of the documents that are cited in the international search report, and would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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